merit to the various posts in the News Service Division of AIR and Doordarshan is made as pet the relevant rules. It is open to any individual to apply for being considered for appointment to such posts provided he satisfies the prescribed conditions of eligibility. The selection is made on the basis of the eligible persons being found suitable for the job by the competent authority.

Change in timings in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

2849. SHRIMATI MANORAMA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a pro posal to change the timings of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is under consideration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that timings of the Ministry are not in accordance with the instructions of Government whereby timings of all the offices in one building are to be the same; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to change the timings of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in accordance with the above norm?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) However, the matter regarding the change of timings of this Ministry has already been taken up with the Deptt. of Personnel and Training.

Malpractices in the Research Institute in Rajasthan

2850. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Union Minister of State who had visited the Reserach Institute area near Malpura in Rajasthan a few months back wrote about the happenings in that Institute in a letter to Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, if so, the details thereof *vis-a-vis* action taken thereon so far;

(b) whethet reports of malpractices in that Institute had even earlier been brought to the notice of Government and an enquiry committee comprising Members of Parliament was constituted, if so, details thereof and the findings of the committee with action Government have taken so far;

(c) whether the senior officers of the Institute concerned despite such allegations were promoted and posted in ICAR headquarters, if so, the particulars thereof during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take tn the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SITATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. In his letter he referred *inter alia* to certain charges levelled against the officiating Director of the Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute by the Staff Association of the institute. These charges are being inquired into.

(b) A Committee unde'r the Chairmanship of late Shri Jyotirmoy Bosu, M,P., was constituted by [s]the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in May, 1979 to look into the high rate of mortality I of sheep at the Central Sheep & Wool Research Institute, Avikanagat (near Malpura). The Bosu Committee's report alongwith reports of other Committees which went into the affairs of C.S.W.R.I., were considered by the Governing Body of the ICAR who found it difficult to assieen specific responsibility for **any** i deliberate negligence, on any cular officer.